

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 12-14 are pending. Minor clarifying amendments have been made to Claims 1, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9. No change in scope is either intended or believed effected by those amendments, which have not been made for purposes related to patentability. Claims 11 and 16-19 have been cancelled herein without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter presented. Claims 1 and 12 are in independent form. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that Claims 1-9 and 12-14 have been allowed.

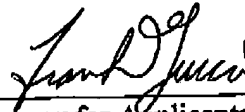
The rejections of Claims 11 and 16-19 set forth in the Office Action are rendered moot, since these claims have been cancelled.

As such, the only remaining claims are Claims 1-9 and 12-14, which have been allowed. Accordingly, this application is now believed to be in condition for allowance.

This Amendment After Final Action is believed clearly to place this application in condition for allowance and its entry is therefore believed proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116. At the very least, cancellation of Claims 11 and 16-19 eliminates all issues relating to those claims, and the changes made to other ones of the claims are not believed or intended to alter their scope. In any event, entry of this Amendment After Final Action, as an earnest effort to advance prosecution and reduce the number of issues, is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney in an effort to resolve such issues and advance the case to issue.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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